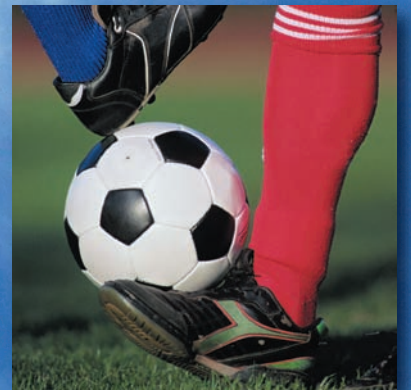


Guide



Lafayette Parks & Recreation Department

Introduction

Bringing together families and friends to enjoy the pursuit of playgrounds, athletic contests, picnics, nature, classes and activities is the goal of the Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department. Overseeing more than 1,500 acres with 10 recreational centers, four swimming pools, three golf courses and 36 parks is the daunting task of the LPRD.

The Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department, the Recreation Advisory Commission and hundreds of dedicated volunteers work together so that each of the parish's diverse publics may find some activity, sport or program of interest. Whether it be seasonal athletic programs, playgrounds, summer enrichment programs, recreational center activities or simply re-connecting with nature, the LPRD truly serves the needs of Lafayette's people.

Questions about programs or facilities, as well as general comments, are always welcomed by the LPRD staff. You are encouraged to stop by the department's offices in the Girard Park Recreation Center. Meanwhile, this brochure has been designed to give you a guide to the many parks, programs and activities available to you. We hope that you participate in and enjoy some part of the Lafayette Parks & Recreation Department. If you need further information, please contact us at 337-291-8370 or 337-291-8361.

(Note: all youth team programs have a "no cut" policy, with all children playing a minimum number of minutes per game.)

Youth Baseball



For ages 5 – 19; the leagues' teams ages 5 – 14 are based upon the seven-neighborhood system of the city/parish. Registration is held in early March with play from late April through mid-July. Fall baseball registration is in August; games are played on Saturdays through early November. The leagues are under the direction of the LPRD athletic staff, receiving input from the Recreation Advisory Commission. The staff and commission formulate rules, make final decisions and give direction and guidance to the program.



Basketball



Youth (7 - 16), Teener and Adult Leagues; registration is held in November. (High school students who live in Lafayette Parish, or attend Lafayette Parish schools, and do not play on a freshman, junior varsity or varsity basketball team may participate in the Teener League.) Youth leagues compete from late December through March. Adult and Teener leagues compete from January through April. All leagues end in playoffs.



Bike Trails



More than three (3) miles of mountain bike trails can be found in Acadiana Park on Alexander Street. Another two (2) miles of trails are located within Moore Park.



Adult Flag Football

August registration precedes a 10-week season running from mid-September through December, with a champion determined after league playoffs. Games are played Monday through Thursday nights.



Teener Flag Football

Teams may be made up of students from one school or different schools. (High school students who live in Lafayette Parish, or attend Lafayette Parish schools, and do not play on a freshman, junior varsity or varsity football team may participate in the Teener League.) Coed teams/leagues are not offered. Registration is in late August; the season begins in mid-September and, depending upon the number of teams involved, ends prior to Thanksgiving.



Youth Flag/Tackle Football

Neighborhood registrations are held in August; the season begins in late September. (Flag football is for ages 7 - 14; tackle for ages 9 - 13.) Games for the three tackle leagues are played at Moore Park and Clark Field.



Leagues (determined by age and weight) are Mite, 9 - 10; Junior, 10 - 11; and Senior, 11 - 13. The top two teams from each league meet in the annual "Turkey Bowl" games the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving.

Soccer

With the largest number of (team sport) participants in Lafayette, soccer is conducted under the direction of the Lafayette Youth Soccer Association with assistance from the LPRD. Neighborhood registration for spring soccer is held in January; fall soccer registration is in early August. Girls and boys from 4 - 17 are eligible for participation. The Moore Park Soccer Complex, with 24 fields (many lighted), is the hub of the program.



Adult soccer leagues follow the same seasons as youth leagues. Individuals and/or teams should contact the LPRD or the Soccer Association office at 337-291-KICK (5425) for registration information.



Campsites

Seventy-five (75) hard-surfaced campsites with tent pads and electrical and water connections can be found at Acadiana Park Campground. The park also offers three covered picnic areas with grills, restrooms, showers and pay phones. A trailer dump station is also provided. Call 337-291-8388 for reservation information.



Disc Golf

A fast-growing activity, disc golf courses can be found at three parks. Girard Park has a 9-hole disc golf course, Pa Davis an 18-hole course, and Acadiana Park offers a 36-hole course.



Golf

Lafayette has three well-utilized public courses.

Les Vieux Chenes

J. Otto Broussard Memorial Park; 340 Rue des Vieux Chenes Youngsville 70592; 337-837-1150
160 acres; rated in top 10 golf courses (public or private) by Golf Digest in 1995
Club house with food bar
Pro shop - supplies, clubs, balls, shirts, golf bags, shoes, accessories
Driving range
Cart rentals
Showers
Lessons available

Jay and Lionel Hebert Municipal Golf Course (a.k.a. "Muni")

City Park; 121 Shirley Picard Drive; 337-291-5557
97 acres
Club house with snack bar
Pro shop - supplies, clubs, balls, shirts, golf bags, shoes, accessories
Cart rentals
Lessons available

The Wetlands Golf Course

R. "Bud" Chalmers Memorial Park; 2129 North University Ave.; 337-291-7151
190 acres; a Frank Burandt-designed course featuring a links-style layout that can play as long as 7200 yards. With wetland and native grass areas featured throughout the course, The Wetlands is part of Louisiana's Audubon Golf Trail
Driving range practice facility
Club house snack bar
Fully-stocked pro shop
Golf cart and club rentals
Full-time instruction by PGA professional available

All three courses host a variety of clinics and tournaments throughout the year and are available for rent for private tournaments/functions.



Jogging Trails



Acadiana Park	.2 mile to nature station
Beaullieu Park	.25 mile
Debaillion Park	1 mile
Dorsey-Donlon Park	.25 mile
Foster Park	.8 mile
Girard Park	1.25 miles
Graham Brown Park	1 mile
Heymann Park	.5 mile
Judice Park	.4 mile
Pa Davis Park	1 mile
Picard Park	.5 mile
Scott Park	.5 mile
Thomas Park	.6 mile

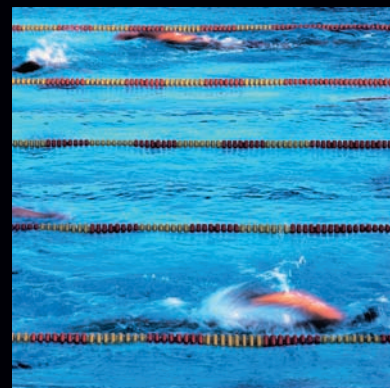
Nature Station/Trail

Over three miles of nature trails are located within Acadiana Park. Guided tours with a field ecologist and zoologist are available. (Reservations are needed for group tours.) Open seven days a week, hours vary. Call 291-8448 for more information.

Swimming

Earl J. Chris Pool
Girard Park Pool
M. L. King Pool
O. J. Mouton Pool

The (indoor) Earl J. Chris Pool at the Robicheaux Recreation Center is open year-round; the three outdoor pools normally open each June. Children and adults are charged a nominal admission fee. Water aerobics are available seasonally at the outdoor pools; lessons, therapeutic recreation classes, senior swim classes and more are offered year-round at the Chris pool. Registration is required; a small fee is assessed. Pool rentals (which include lifeguards) are also available. Please contact 337-291-8362 for more information.



Adult Softball

For ages 18 and older, registration for the various leagues is in March, with teams playing April through August. Teams play Monday through Friday nights at Moore Park. A fall season is also offered, with registration in August for play running September through early December. The fall season is more limited in the number of teams playing, though it also offers leagues for men, women, coed and master's teams.



Youth Softball

Lafayette offers fastpitch and slowpitch for girls ages 7 - 17. Registration is in early March with play running from late April until late June. Leagues are based upon the seven neighborhoods within the city/parish. Games are played in neighborhood parks, culminating in either a parish championship tournament or all-star tournament from late June through mid-July. Registration for the fall season (fastpitch only) is held in August with games held on Saturdays in September through November.



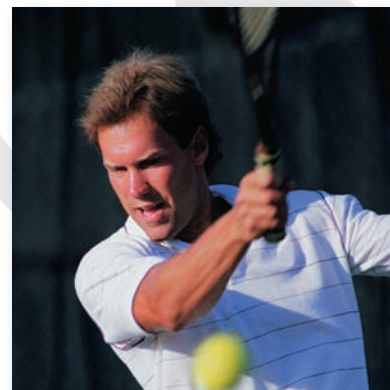
Tennis

Lafayette's 55 clay and hard-court surfaces (22 lighted courts) are open year-round. Two tennis centers offer lessons, string jobs, limited court reservations and numerous tennis leagues:

Bowles Tennis Center 1800 Surrey St. 337-291-5564

Thomas Tennis Center 300 Geraldine Dr. 337-291-5554

In addition, a variety of clinics and tournaments are sponsored each year by the LPRD; call 337-291-5564 for details.



Adult Volleyball

Men's, women's and co-ed divisions are offered for a quad (four-player) fall league. Registration is held in early September; play runs from late September through November with playoffs in December. A co-ed "sixes" league runs from January through April with registration in December. All matches are played Monday through Thursdays at various recreation centers.



Track & Field

Both the Lafayette Youth Track and Field Program and the Hershey's Track and Field Games are offered free of charge for girls and boys ages 7 – 14 competing in four age groups. Participants compete in March and April, first at a local meet before moving on to the state level. State winners are eligible for selection to the Region IV squad, which receives an all-expenses-paid trip to the North American Finals in Hershey, PA during the month of August.



Recreation Centers

Rentals of recreation centers and park pavilions are available to individuals and groups. Reservations may be made in person at the Girard Park Recreation Center or by phone at 337-291-8370 or 337-291-8360 during business hours.

Most of the centers are open to the public Monday through Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Programs offered include aerobic classes, karate, tae kwon do, judo, racquetball, weight rooms, table tennis, foosball, shuffleboard, pickleball, gymnastics, scouting meetings, ceramics classes, guitar classes, piano classes, special events, senior activities, square dancing, baton/flag lessons, adult education, foster grandparents, a variety of community organization meetings and much more.

Comeaux Recreation Center
411 W. Bluebird Dr.
Lafayette LA 70508 (Beaulieu Park)
337-291-8875

Domingue Recreation Center
901 Mudd Ave.
Lafayette LA 70501 (City Park)
337-291-5558

George Bowles, Jr. Activity Center
120 Dawn St.
Lafayette LA 70501 (Pa Davis Park)
337-291-8381

George Dupuis Recreation Center
1212 E. Pont des Mouton
Lafayette LA 70507
(Graham Brown Memorial Park)
337-291-8377

Girard Park Recreation Center
500 Girard Park Dr.
Lafayette LA 70503 (Girard Park)
337-291-8379

Heymann Park Recreation Center
1500 South Orange St.
Lafayette LA 70501 (Heymann Park)
337-291-5562

J. Carlton James Activity Center
710 Aster Dr.
Lafayette LA 70506 (Debaillon Park)
337-291-8386

Martin Luther King Recreation Center
309 Cora St.
Lafayette LA 70501 (Dorsey-Donlon Park)
337-291-5561

Robicheaux Recreation Center
1919 Eraste Landry Road
Lafayette LA 70506 (Neyland Park)
337-291-8885

Thomas Park Recreation Center
301 Geraldine St.
Lafayette LA 70503 (Thomas Park)
337-291-5553

(not all programs offered at all 10 centers)

Therapeutic Recreation

Children, teens and adults with special needs are not forgotten within the LPRD, which is proud of its Therapeutic Recreation section. This section offers leisure/recreational

activities for all ages, and wheelchair-bound team sports are available year-round. Camps for disabled youth and adults are held during the summer, offering this special population an opportunity to participate in volleyball, basketball, swimming, softball, singing, arts and crafts and field trips. Working with area law enforcement agencies, the Therapeutic Recreation section also offers opportunities for at-risk youth and adults, helping them to learn healthy recreational pursuits. Please call 337-291-8381 for details on any of the section's programs.



Summer Enrichment Program

Held at all ten recreation centers each year, the Summer Enrichment Program offers, for a minimal fee, daytime supervised play and activities for youths during a designated summer period. Extended hours are also available for an additional fee. In addition to playground activities, special events and field trips to sites such as the library, skating, bowling, tennis, swimming, restaurants, etc. are available for a small additional fee. Lunch and snacks are served daily.



List of Parks:

1. Acadiana Park – 1005 E. Alexander St. 117 acres
open play area, lighted tennis courts, soccer fields, basketball courts, backstop ball diamond, covered picnic area with grills, restrooms, water fountain, children's playground with baby equipment, campground, 36-hole disc golf course, jogging trail, bike/mountain bike trails, nature trail, nature station, historical or commemorative markers

2. Arceneaux Park – 835 E. Main Broussard 31 acres
tennis courts, soccer fields, basketball courts, lighted ball fields, batting cages, t-ball, covered picnic areas, restrooms, children's playground

3. Beaulieu Park – 410 W. West Bluebird Dr. 29 acres
Comeaux Recreation Center
soccer fields, lighted ball fields, batting cages, concrete slab for in-line hockey, jogging trail, covered picnic areas, restrooms, water fountain, children's playground with baby equipment

4. Beaver Park – 500 Fisher Rd. 70 acres
Tennis Center (sells tennis balls; string jobs; tennis lessons by appointment)
tennis courts (lighted courts, clay courts and hitting wall), ball parks, covered picnic areas, large pavilion (reservations required), children's playground with baby equipment, fishing pond with pier and boat ramp, historical or commemorative markers

5. Broadmoor Park – 605 Broadmoor Blvd. 8 acres
lighted ball fields, covered picnic areas, restrooms, water fountain

6. Carencro Park – 4003 N. University Ave., Carencro 17 acres
open play area, tennis courts, basketball courts, lighted ball fields, t-ball, covered picnic areas, restrooms, handicapped restrooms, water fountain, children's playground with baby equipment

7. Chargois Park – 606 Guilbeau Rd. 10 acres
open play area, tennis courts, soccer fields, basketball courts, lighted ball fields, covered picnic areas, restrooms, water fountain, children's playground with baby equipment, historical or commemorative markers

8. City Park – 901 Mudd Ave. 104 acres
Domingue Recreation Center
18-hole golf course and club house (Jay and Lionel Hebert Municipal Golf Course, a.k.a. "Muni"; 121 Shirley Picard Drive)
Mouton Swimming Pool & Bath House (outdoor Olympic-size pool)
Clark Field - lighted football and soccer stadium
basketball courts, backstop ball diamond, picnic areas, children's playground

9. Dalton "Pee Wee" LeBlanc Park – 2036 Carmel Dr. 5 acres
basketball courts, backstop ball diamond, covered picnic area, children's playground

10. Debaillon Park – 510 Saucier Dr. 33 acres
J. Carlton James Recreation Center
pavilion with lights and picnic tables, 2 lighted flag football fields, 1-mile walking/bicycle trail through park, tennis courts, basketball courts (1 covered), pavilion with kitchen area (reservations required), picnic areas, restrooms, water fountain, children's playground with baby equipment

11. Derby Playground – 105 Aris Dr. 1 acre
children's playground with baby equipment, basketball goal

12. Dorsey-Donlon Park – 301 Cora St. 15 acres
Martin Luther King Recreation Center
outdoor pool, tennis courts, basketball courts, ball parks, jogging trail, covered picnic areas with grills, restrooms, children's playground with baby equipment

13. Duson Park – 101 B. Robin Rd., Duson 29 acres
covered pavilion with lights & benches, open play area, ball parks with lighted fields, t-ball, covered picnic areas with grills, restrooms, children's playground

14. Foster Memorial Park – 399 4th St., Youngsville 16 acres
open play area, tennis courts, soccer fields, basketball courts, lighted ball fields, batting cages, walking path, covered picnic areas, restrooms, water fountain, children's playground, historical or commemorative markers

15. Girard Park – 500 Girard Park Dr. 33 acres
Main office of Lafayette Parks & Recreation Department
Girard Park Recreation Center
outdoor pool, 1.25 mile jogging trail, work-out station, covered pavilion with restrooms and grill (reservations required), open play area, tennis courts, hitting wall, basketball courts, backstop ball diamond, covered picnic areas, restrooms, handicapped restrooms, water fountain, children's playground with baby equipment, 9-hole disc golf course, pond, natural wildlife, historical or commemorative markers

16. Graham Brown Memorial Park – 1234 E. Pont des Mouton Rd. 50 acres
George Dupuis Recreation Center
Timber Challenge work-out station, 1 mile jogging trail, batting practice areas, lighted tennis courts, covered picnic areas with grills, restrooms, water fountain, children's playground with baby equipment

17. Heymann Park – 1500 South Orange St. 28 acres
Heymann Park Recreation Center
pavilion, .5 mile jogging trail, lighted tennis courts with hitting wall, regulation baseball field, basketball courts, covered picnic areas, restrooms, children's playground

18. I. R. "Bud" Chalmers Park – 2129 N. University 182 acres
Wetlands Golf Course and Driving Range, club house with snack bar, pro shop, cart and club rentals

19. J. Otto Broussard Memorial Park (Southside Regional Park) 221 La Neuville Rd Lafayette 222 acres
Fabacher Field Baseball Complex, pond
Les Vieux Chenes 18-hole golf course, club house and pro shop, cart rentals, driving range, snacks available

20. J.W. James Playground – 1001 Hopkins St. 4 acres
open play area, basketball courts, backstop ball diamond, .4 mile jogging trail, covered picnic areas with grills, restrooms, water fountain, children's playground

21. Judice Park – 500 Golden Grain Rd., Duson 22 acres
tennis courts, soccer fields, lighted ball fields, batting cages, jogging trail, covered picnic areas, restrooms, water fountain, children's playground

22. Lil Woods Playground – 200 Ile Copales Ave. 3 acres
basketball courts, covered picnic areas

23. Maurice Heymann Memorial Park – 700 Girard Park Dr. 3 acres
garden, benches, walking path, picnic areas, historical or commemorative markers

24. Moore Park – 250 Couret St. 130 acres
soccer complex (24 fields), lighted soccer fields, lighted softball fields, youth football field, covered picnic areas, hiking trail, mountain bike trail, go-kart track, restrooms, children's playground, fishing pond

25. Mouton Playground – 803 Center St. 6 acres
open play area, tennis courts, basketball courts, covered picnic areas with grills, restrooms, water fountain, children's playground with baby equipment

26. Neyland Park – 1919 Eraste Landry Rd. 30 acres
Robicheaux Recreation Center
Earl J. Chris swimming pool
olympic-size heated indoor pool, tennis courts, basketball courts, lighted ball fields, batting cages, covered picnic areas with grills, restrooms, handicapped restrooms, water fountain, children's playground with baby equipment, historical or commemorative markers

27. Eraste Landry Playground – 1000 Jeanne St. 7 acres
baseball backstops, benches, open play area, covered picnic areas with grills, restrooms, water fountain, children's playground with baby equipment

28. Pa Davis Park – 120 Dawn St. 30 acres
Bowles Activity Center
1 mile jogging trail, lighted soccer field, basketball courts, lighted ball fields, covered picnic areas, restrooms, children's playground, therapeutic playground area, 18-hole disc golf course

29. Parc de Lafayette – 539 Jefferson St. .5 acre
small bandstand, waterfall fountain with small pool, benches, commemorative markers

30. Picard Park – 130 Park Dr. 24 acres
tennis courts, soccer fields, ball parks, lighted fields, t-ball, .5 mile jogging trail, covered picnic areas, restrooms, handicapped restrooms, children's playground with baby equipment

31. Plantation Park – 1801 Kaliste Saloom Rd. 11 acres
lighted ball fields, restrooms

32. Scott Park – 1200 Cormier St., Scott 17 acres
jogging trail, backstop ball diamond, lighted fields, covered picnic areas with grills, restrooms, children's playground

33. St. Anthony Playground - 501 Helen St. 2 acres
basketball courts, covered picnic areas with grills, restrooms, water fountain, children's playground with baby equipment

34. Thomas Park – 300 Geraldine St. 18 acres
Thomas Park Recreation Center
.6 mile jogging path, tennis clubhouse (lessons by appointment), lighted tennis courts, hitting wall, basketball court, soccer fields, ball parks, children's playground

35. Veteran's Park – 200 Feu Follet Rd. 6 acres
Veteran's wall naming all deceased Acadiana veterans having served in Vietnam, natural wildlife, covered picnic areas with grills, restrooms, water fountain, children's playground with baby equipment, fishing pond, historical or commemorative markers

36. Youth Park – 1919 Johnston St. 8 acres
lighted ball fields, ramp skate park, covered picnic areas, restrooms

For more information on registration, neighborhood boundaries, competition schedules, fees, etc., call the Lafayette Parks & Recreation Department at 291-8370 or 291-8362.

List of Neighborhood Youth Associations:

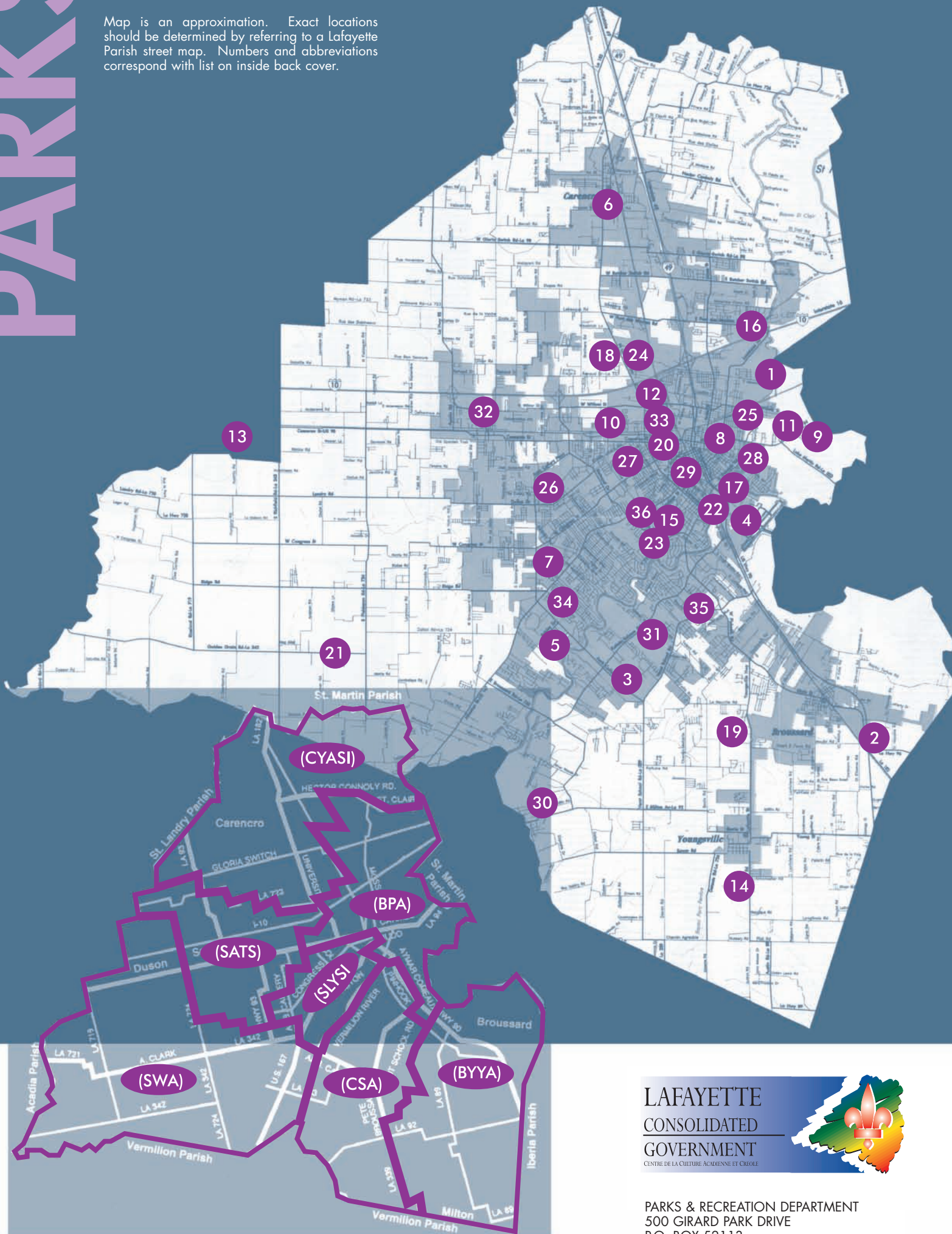
Broussard/Youngsville Youth Association (BYYA)
Brown Park Athletics (BPA)
Cajun Sports Association (CSA)
Carencro Area Youth Sports, Inc. (CAYS)
Scott Area Team Sports (SATS)
South Lafayette Youth Sports, Inc. (SLYSI)
Southwest Athletics (SWA)



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Parks & Recreation LOCATION MAP PARKS

Map is an approximation. Exact locations should be determined by referring to a Lafayette Parish street map. Numbers and abbreviations correspond with list on inside back cover.



Neighborhood Youth Association zones can be determined at the website <http://gis.lafayettela.gov/website/ParksAndRecs/viewer.htm>

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